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Charge against president: 'Incitement of insurrection'

10 Republicans support unprecedented indictment

Senate trial not likely before Jan. 20 inauguration

HOUSE IMPEACHES TRUMP FOR HISTORIC SECOND TIME

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House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., leads the final vote of the impeachment of President Donald Trump on Wednesday for his role in inciting an angry mob to storm the Congress on Jan. 6 at the Capitol in Washington. The final congressional word on Mr. Trump will rest with the Senate.

Vote in response to siege on Capitol

By Daniel Moore
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WASHINGTON — The U.S. House of Representatives voted Wednesday to impeach President Donald Trump for the second time in 13 months, an unprecedented rebuke against the outgoing president one week after a violent mob of his supporters stormed the U.S. Capitol in the first invasion of the country's most hallowed legislative chambers since the War of 1812.

House lawmakers approved the four-page impeachment article of inciting insurrection by a vote of 232-197, with 10 Republicans joining all Democrats in the chamber to vote in favor. Mr. Trump is the first president in U.S. history to be impeached twice.

The impeachment capped an angry, nerve-wracking week on Capitol Hill as lawmakers grappled with how to respond to the Jan. 6 attack that interrupted a joint session of Congress and sent lawmakers fleeing to safety.

Lawmakers were counting the Electoral College votes — a noncontroversial formality in most election cycles — when Mr. Trump's supporters overwhelmed police and broke into the building. The riot resulted in the deaths of five people and injuries to more than 50 police officers.

Rep. Liz Cheney, R-Wyo. — the daughter of former Vice President Dick Cheney and the third-ranking House Republican leader — voted to impeach Mr. Trump, arguing in a statement that there had "never been a greater betrayal by a president of the United States."

"The president of the United States summoned this mob, assembled the mob and lit the flame of this attack," Ms. Cheney said in a statement Tuesday, a day before the vote. "Everything that followed was his doing. None of this would have happened without the president."

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20,000 Guardsmen stationed at Capitol

Post-Gazette wire services

WASHINGTON — The District of Columbia National Guard said on Wednesday that it has been authorized to arm troops assigned to security duty on the U.S. Capitol grounds.

The Guard said in a statement that the authority was requested by federal authorities and approved by Army Secretary Ryan McCarthy.

Another 5,000 members of the National Guard were authorized to support Inauguration Day security in Washington, D.C., city officials said, increasing the total to at least 20,000 in a rapidly swelling security apparatus focused on the Capitol.

"I think you can expect to see somewhere upwards beyond 20,000 members of the National Guard that will be here in the

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Trump losing staunch GOP support

The Associated Press

The unbreakable wall of Republican support that encouraged and enabled Donald Trump's norm-shattering presidency cracked on Wednesday.

A group of 10 House Republicans joined Democrats to impeach Mr. Trump for inciting a deadly riot at the U.S. Capitol last week. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., hasn't ruled out convicting Mr. Trump during a trial later this month, giving fellow Republicans cover if they chose that option.

The vast majority of House Republicans stood by Mr. Trump during the impeachment vote. But in a sign of the president's weakening grip on the party, even some of those who opposed impeachment condemned Mr. Trump's behavior and blamed him for sparking the insurrection.

"The president bears responsibility for Wednesday's attack on Congress by mob rioters," said House Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., who has been a staunch Trump ally.

It's a dramatic turn of events for a president who has enjoyed virtually unyielding loyalty from his party and was expected to play a key role in shaping the GOP's future. But the impeachment vote demonstrated how challenging the coming months may be for Republicans.

While some are clearly eager to move into a post-Trump era, a large block will stand with him even after he fueled a riot. Many House Republicans downplayed the significance of the insurrection and Mr. Trump's role, drawing false comparisons between the deadly storming of the Capitol

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President Trump impeached for second time

Lawmakers impeached President Donald Trump after his supporters stormed the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, halting certification of the presidential election.

IMPEACHMENT ARTICLE: INCITEMENT OF INSURRECTION

	Total	Dem.	Rep.	Needed to impeach*
✓ Yes	232	222	10	
No	197	0	197	
Yet to vote	4	0	4	

*Two House seats are vacant, which means the threshold to impeach the president is 217 votes.

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